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In re Application of:	John Chen
Application No.:	09/689,139
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For:	MOISTURE CROSS LINKABLE BALLOON MATERIALS
Examiner:	Sandra Nolan
Group Art Unit:	1772

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Docket No.: S63.2-9178-US01

RESPONSE

This is a response to the Office Action mailed May 28, 2003.

Remarks

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*Rejections**35 U.S.C. §103(a)*

Claims 1-8 and 12-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tedeschi et al. (US 6,218,016).

The Office Action asserts that Tedeschi teaches the production of dilatation balloons (col. 5, line 11) having coatings thereon (title) and that the coatings comprise a polyisocyanate, an amine donor, and an isocyanatosilane containing an alkoxy group (col. 4, lines 45-50).

Applicants traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 of the present invention is directed to a medical device including a dilatation balloon which is *formed* from a crosslinked polymeric material which is the reaction product of at least one polymer and at least one hydrolysable silane.

Tedeschi et al. teach a *coating* for a substrate that can accommodate a drug so that when the coating is applied to a medical device, the medical device becomes drug releasing when in contact with aqueous body fluid. See the Abstract.